

FEB 1952 01-4AA

DO NOT CIRCULATE

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

25X1

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT

CD NO.

COUNTRY Korea

DATE DISTR. 12 January 1953

SUBJECT Armed Self-Defense Unit in Ōdaejin Area

NO. OF PAGES 2

DATE OF INFO. 22 June 1952

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)PLACE
ACQUIRED

25X1

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

- 25X1 1. On 22 June 1952 the armed self-defense units in the Ōdaejin (129-47, 41-23) (EA 6581) area were organized into one company per myŏn (district) and one platoon per village.¹ All men between the ages of 18 and 55 and all women between the ages of 18 and 50 were required to participate, with the following exceptions: those with chronic disabilities; those called "thought stragglers," who had responded poorly to Communist indoctrination; former Communist party affiliates who had been relieved, voluntarily or involuntarily, from party activities and duties; and women with children under 2 years old. The duties required by the self-defense units were additional to the regular daily work.
- 25X1 2. The chief of the armed self-defense unit in Hoyang-dong (129-44, 41-25) (EA-6185) was Sŏ Chŭng-ch'ŏl (1776/2582/0772). [redacted] chairman of the Hoyang-dong First Cell committee. The guards in the unit were divided into two groups, one made up of 35 men divided into seven teams of five men each, and the other made up of 42 women divided into six teams of seven women each. The men guarded the coast after working hours and the women guarded the roads 24 hours a day. One team of men reported each night at 8 p.m. and patrolled by two's in two-hour shifts until 5 a.m. Trouble that could not be handled locally was reported to the Ōdaejin police station through the village people's committee. The police station relayed the report to the myŏn company headquarters, which dispatched men to the scene of the trouble. The patrolling was sometimes neglected because members excused themselves, pleading sickness or urgent business.
3. The road security office was in a private home at EA-606846. The women guards wore white cloth arm bands about 4 inches wide with "guarding member" printed on them in Korean characters. One team checked the documentation of all who passed between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and another team did the same during the night. If the sterilization certificate was not in order, the offender waited while his clothes were steamed on the spot. Non-local people were required to tell

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

STATE	X	NAVY	X	NSRB		DISTRIBUTION		25X1
ARMY	X	AIR	X	FBI				

222641/1

SECRET

-2-

their destination and point of origin. In case of a discrepancy in documentation, the offender was turned over to the village people's committee; if the committee could not handle the case, it was referred to the Ōdaejin police station. Also, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. a team of women patrolled the village in two's looking for strangers and checking for exposed lights.

4. The village guards in Hoyang-dong were formerly armed with Mossin-Nagant rifles and two hand grenades per man. This equipment was called in when some of the villagers were discovered using their weapons for target practice and hunting. They subsequently performed their guard duty armed with spears and clubs.

25X1

Comment. The designation of the units as companies and platoons probably does not accurately indicate their actual size.

SECRET